

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of the claims replaces all versions of previous claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for establishing a healthy bacterial flora in females throughout life, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a first probiotic *Lactobacillus iners* and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is administered orally or vaginally, and administering a therapeutically effective amount of a second probiotic organism, the second probiotic organism being different than the first probiotic organism.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said bacterial flora is gastrointestinal or urogenital flora.

3. - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said second probiotic organism is a *Lactobacillus* selected from the group consisting of *L. rhamnosus*, *L. acidophilus*, *L. fermentum*, *L. casei*, *L. reuteri*, *L. crispatus*, *L. plantarum*, *L. paracasei*, *L. jensenii*, *L. gasseri*, *L. cellobiosis*, *L. brevis*, *L. delbrueckii*, *L. helveticus*, *L. salivarius*, *L. collinoides*, *L. buchneri*, *L. rogosae*, or *L. bifidum*.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein a prebiotic is administered in conjunction with the second probiotic organism.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for maintaining a healthy urogenital flora in females prior to, during and after pregnancy, comprising orally administering an effective amount of a first probiotic *Lactobacillus iners*, a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a second probiotic organism, the second probiotic organism being different than the first probiotic organism.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said second probiotic organism is a *Lactobacillus* selected from the group consisting of *L. rhamnosus*, *L. acidophilus*, *L. fermentum*, *L. casei*, *L. reuteri*, *L. crispatus*, *L. plantarum*, *L. paracasei*, *L. jensenii*, *L. gasseri*, *L. cellubiosis*, *L. brevis*, *L. delbrueckii*, *L. helveticus*, *L. salivarius*, *L. collinoides*, *L. buchneri*, *L. rogosae*, or *L. bifidum*.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for restoring healthy urogenital flora in females in need thereof comprising administering an effective amount of a first probiotic, *Lactobacillus iners* isolated from said female and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is administered orally or vaginally, and a second probiotic organism, the second probiotic organism being different than the first probiotic organism.

14.-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein said prebiotic is inulin.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein said prebiotic is fructo-oligosaccharides or milk.

19.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* Y16329.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* Y16329.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* Y16329.

26. (Cancelled)